

# **MEDICAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES**

September 29, 2003

The Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) teleconference meeting held at the Bureau of Licensure and Certification, 1550 East College Parkway, Suite 158, Carson City, Nevada, was called to order by Dr. Karen Carifo, Co-Chairman, at 2:30 p.m. on September 29, 2003.

Nancy Janess took roll and noted that all committee members were present with the exception of Stacey Garry, M.D., who joined the conference just after roll call. There was a quorum of committee members.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen F. Carifo, Ph.D.  
Stacey Lynne Garry, M.D.  
Susan Doberneck, M.D.  
Cynthia Mastick, Ph.D.  
Jill Brown, MT (ASCP)  
Sandra Kurtz, MT (ASCP)  
Edwin C. Kingsley, M.D.  
Bradford H. Lee, M.D., State Health Officer (ex-officio member)

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Barry DuBois, CLT Applicant  
Tom Brown, Laboratory Manager/Carson Tahoe Hospital  
Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General  
Jennifer Dunaway, Health Facilities Surveyor IV  
Vickie J. Estes, Health Facilities Surveyor III  
Evelyn Sayre, Health Facilities Surveyor II  
Nancy Janess, Administrative Assistant II  
Isabel Espinoza, Administrative Assistant II

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** Jill Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Sandy Kurtz to approve the minutes of May 7, 2003 as written. The motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. Introduction of State Health Officer, Bradford H. Lee, M.D. J.D.** Vickie introduced and welcomed Dr. Lee. His biography was included in the agenda packet. He spoke briefly, including that he looks forward to the North and South working well together. Vickie read NRS 652.170 regarding background information on the committee. Then she continued on to introduce the committee members, along with a description of their individual backgrounds.

3. **Discussion and recommendation to the Bureau of Licensure and Certification concerning the application of Barry L. DuBois as a Clinical Laboratory Technologist NAC 652.420 2(d).** Vickie Estes and Linda Anderson explained the issue to be reviewed by the members of the MLAC. The MLAC was to review and evaluate Mr. DuBois' application to determine if Barry DuBois' experience as a technician and additional experience was sufficient to qualify him with the four years experience necessary to work as a laboratory technologist. Linda Anderson clarified that because of the wording in the regulation, which does not stipulate the specific experience required in a laboratory for individuals without a bachelor's degree, the committee must determine whether the experience submitted by Mr. DuBois is acceptable. An extensive discussion followed which included details of Mr. DuBois' experience in a St. Louis hospital performing blood banking testing, cross-matches and antibody identification for approximately a year and half, with Tom Brown and Barry DuBois speaking on Barry's behalf. Dr. Garry made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kingsley, that we accept Barry DuBois' additional experience to qualify him as a clinical laboratory technologist. The motion passed unanimously. The committee recommends that each application of this type should be evaluated individually for quality of experience until the regulations have been revised for clarification.
4. **Discussion and recommendation of the training program for Washoe Medical Center (WMC) Clinical Laboratory Specialty Technician (Histology).** WMC requested the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee to review and approve the training program, which was revised to align with the new national certification requirements. They requested an increase of required education from high school to Associates Degree, and a decrease in training from 24 months to 12 months. A discussion followed. Dr. Carifo made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Garry that the changes be approved. The motion carried.
5. **Discussion and review of letter from Richard K. Heitsman concerning point of care testing.** The letter requested determination of pre-analytic interpretation by visually ensuring sufficient sample of blood to perform cardiac marker testing on the Dade Behring Stratus CS. There was a discussion of exactly how this test would be used and the complexity of it. The committee decided that pre-analytic intervention was performed based on the determination of an adequate sample for analysis, the determination of the appropriate color coded TestPak to use for assay, and other additional factors stated in the procedure.

**Public or Committee Comments:**

Vickie Estes brought up the subject of pupilometry (light responses to drug use) which can be used in court ordered drug programs. Does it fit the definition of a laboratory as stated in NRS 652.060, as an examination of tissue, secretion or excretion? Please think about this, as it may be included in a future MLAC meeting. A discussion followed. Dr. Lee agreed that this test is a physiological response much like walking a straight line or touching your nose with your finger. The committee agreed to discuss in a later meeting if necessary.

There being no further business, Dr. Garry a motion, which was seconded by Jill Brown to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:47p.m.